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MAY HOTLINE

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Annual Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 7, 2016

11:30 am

Indian River Estates

2250 Indian Creek Blvd., VB

Program: About Us Bingo

About Us Table conversations

Names Honored Awards

Hibiscus Awards

Installation of Officers

AAUW Vero Beach Strategic Goals

RSVP by May 4th.

Complete your reservation form on page 4 and mail with your check or pay by credit card at:

<http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/awards-luncheon/>

Thank you all for your submissions and support. Stay well and

have a wonderful summer.

President's Message

The end of another season with one more branch meeting to go on May 7! We have an unusual program planned. We have kept the lunch price low, so we hope to see a good crowd to play "About Us Bingo" as well as witness and receive awards.

For those of you who will already have left your southern home, we look forward to seeing you back in Vero Beach in the fall.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE, or if you're here full time, please use the Renewal Form in this Hotline to update your membership. The sooner you complete this task, the more you are helping your Treasury and Membership officers in their jobs. Please note that our local dues have increased by \$ 3.00. We are also asking for more information that unusual as we want to get a better sense of what our collective membership is doing. Please fill out page 2! We also invite you to comment on the year and make suggestions for next season. For those of you who have not yet made donations to our scholarships, AAUW Fund or our Local Program Fund, there is space for you to include donations on this renewal form. We thank you in advance for your contributions.

I want to remark in this issue about our Public Policy group. They have two featured articles here: one about an event they put on for the girls at the Hibiscus Children's Center, and the other about our very public events on Equal Pay Day. We're thrilled to have found our voice in the community again and plan to continue our advocacy next year. And final kudos to our International Relations group. They meet monthly at Indian River Estates to discuss international topics of great interest. They are also great ice-cream scoopers, as witnessed in April. Thanks, International Relations group; that was delicious! You're an excellent example of how our Interest Groups help create branch meeting hospitality.

Your Executive Committee will be planning next season's events over the summer, so you can expect to receive your Handbook in September. Have a wonderful summer.

Linda

Public Policy

The Public Policy Group* held its first annual "Why go To College?" Program at The Hibiscus Children's Center on March 26th.



Five branch members and three students from IRSC presented the to the young ladies who reside at Hibiscus. We held three "round tables", each covering a different topic:

How to Prepare for College

The Academic Requirements and Subjects Offered

The Social and Extracurricular Activities Offered

The girls had many questions, and there was positive interaction among all who participated. At the completion of the round table discussions, the students at Hibiscus had the opportunity to fill out The Universal Application, with some help from us. Refreshments and socializing completed the day.

The presenters were branch members, Kyp Wasiuk, Judy McNulty, Jan McLachlan and Flora Balu, three students from the IRSC AAUW Student Group, and their advisor Dr. Maria Davis (also a branch member).

Tamera Simmons, the Career Pathways Coordinator at Hibiscus, was extremely helpful and encouraging during the entire planning process and on the day of the program.

The day was a wonderful experience and we hope that we "planted the seed" of the goal of attending college in the young ladies of Hibiscus.

*In the 2014-15 season, the Public Policy Group decided to learn more about the barriers for women and girls in Indian River County. We each chose a local organization to learn about. Jan McLachlan chose the Hibiscus Children's Center and, based on conversations with her contacts there, decided a "Why Go to College?" Day was the best way AAUW Vero Beach could support their mission. It took a while in the planning, but all who attended felt the event was worthwhile and worth repeating.



In Memoriam

Gloria Spiess

March 26, 2016

In 2000, Gloria and her husband Ray moved to Vero Beach. She soon joined AAUW and remained active in our local chapter, and the Vero Beach community over the years.

Gloria will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.



Ann Streeter

A Artist

N New Yorker

N Nurturing

S Sociable

T Talented

R Reminiscent

E Exhibitor

E Energetic

T Town Treasurer

E Enduring

R Refreshing



Submitted by Ellen Rantz, member of AAUW

Writers Club



Irene "Shirley" M. Coates

April 14, 2016.

She Although her given name was Irene, everyone knew her as Shirley.

She was an active member of the American Association of University Women and served on numerous committees.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VNA of the Treasure Coast, www.vnadc.com. Condolence messages may be written at: <http://lowtherfuneralhome.com/obituaries.html>.



AAUW Vero Beach Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 7 at 11:30

Indian River Estates East

2250 Indian Creek Blvd W, Vero Beach, FL 32966

An interactive meeting About Us, facilitated by Suzanne Grandpierre

RSVP by May 4

----- Reservation Form -----

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email (Please print clearly): _____

Guest name(s): _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$ 15 each for a total of: _____

Check one and indicate luncheon choice on your check please.

All served with gazpacho soup, iced tea, dessert and coffee

_____ Chicken Picatta with
rice and vegetables

_____ Summer Salad Plate (tuna
salad, chicken salad and fruit)

— _____ Special Request *(Please call Bruna Picco)*

By May 4, send check to: AAUW Vero Beach, PO Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961

Please include this reservation form with your lunch choice

OR

Pay by credit card at: <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/awards-luncheon/>

Please carpool with other members as there is limited parking due to construction at Indian River Estates.

EQUAL PAY DAY AT INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

On the morning of April 12, Suzanne and Mark Jones set up the AAUW table and the literature at the library, then Kathryn Den Houter and Kyp Wasiuk sat at the table and lured library-goers with the promises of 21% off at local stores and Equal Pay Day candy bars. Cheryl Highstreet and Cynde Vestel took over from them in the afternoon. We got an email comment from a potential member that they were helpful and nice. Of course!



Lois Miles visited the Miracle Mile shops as a consumer and to thank them for their patronage. Signs were up at all three places. The Book Center had all 18 of our titles available, and Lois was the first buyer (about 11:00 a.m.) In all, The Center sold 23 books, so they appreciated the day.

LuvJuice had a Pink Lady Smoothie on special. Lois chatted with the manager, who is very supportive of the Equal Pay concept. Kiss Me Sweet added 29% to our 21% to celebrate their first anniversary. The Equal Pay sign was featured on a grease board outside the store, and those waiting for their gelato read the poster while in line. Business was popping.

Lois then went up to Planet Yum and chatted with Michael Haggerty, who explained that several of his friends were raised by single mothers because their fathers shirked their responsibilities. He believes that women deserve better treatment.

When Lois got to her car, President Obama was proclaiming Equal Pay Day and referring to the women 's soccer teams, noting that we should no longer need an equal pay day. It 's just so clear, isn 't it?

That afternoon, Leigh Hursh, Julianne Price (our March Book Review Breakfast speaker) and Linda Barker ate at Counter Culture on 14th Avenue and 19th Street. Counter Culture gave 21% off a smoothie, and Linda had a delicious one with a pear base. Leigh and Julianne enjoyed their thick, hearty soups.

EQUAL PAY DAY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY



Over on the beach at The Petite Shop and Dede 's Shoe Salon, there were posters in the windows advertising Equal Pay Day. The Petite Shop manager Adrienne had a good time with it—loved the idea and talked it up. They gave an extra 21% discount on already-on-sale items. Linda Barker met a lady coming out with a jacket that had giraffes on the back. She was so happy for having that jacket, she wanted everyone else to buy one. She decided she would walk into functions backwards so everyone could see her giraffes!

Linda Barker then went to visit Carol Vasiri at Decor Accents and bought the stunning arrangement you see in the next picture, with Carol behind it. Décor Accents offered 21% on all store merchandise and had many visitors, increasing sales. Carol was pleased.

Suzanne, you were and have been phenomenal. Linda heard from Kathryn Den Houter that your speech to the City Council was inspiring and just the right tone, as was your speech to the County Commissioners. Both bodies proclaimed April 12, 2016 Equal Pay Day in Indian River County / Vero Beach. Samantha Chabot, one of our IRSC AAUW Student Club leaders, said, "I have never been to a City Council Meeting, I had a great experience and I was blown way by the speech Suzanne gave to the Council. We are ready for the equal payday at both Main Campus and Muller. I am helping with an event at the college on April 12th that involves the Boys and Girls Club. I thought I might spread knowledge about Equal Pay. I will be judging them in a case study."

We did an amazing job of raising awareness—in town and on campus—and should feel good about it. Kudos, Suzanne, for pushing through in spite of limited assistance.

We 've talked a bit about repeating this next year to gain wider awareness; after all, we 've got the basics covered, and it would be easier to repeat. Suzanne challenges us to a parade! Lois responds, "If the California branches could do a voter registration parade while being dressed as suffragettes, why can't we do an equal pay parade? I love the idea. Let 's make some noise!! "



The Florida State Convention, Our Basket, and Suzanne and Lilly!



Three of us attended the AAUW Florida State Convention—Linda Barker, Joyce Burkett— our President-Elect--and Suzanne Jones, who headed up our Equal Pay Day events. We brought the amazing “Tech Trek Basket ” that Martha Kucinsky and Lois Miles created, much of it donated by them. One State member wanted to win the basket to give it to the Tech Trek summer camp for their

activities!

The highlight of the convention was listening to Lilly Ledbetter talk about her experiences trying to get equal pay at Goodyear Tire & Rubber. She has become a rousing speaker, and her presence on a panel of a US Congresswoman, a FL Congresswoman and a Title IX Coordinator from Florida International University capped the exciting program. Here’ s a picture



of Suzanne getting Lilly ’ s signature on her book: *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay*.



ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS



New Members interested in joining ?

Please contact Linda Mattone at 564-7038

Reminder! Any prospective member can attend any Study/ Interest Group once before they join. They might like to get a taste of these meetings before making a commitment.

MAY ACTIVITIES



Date Time

- 4 1:30 pm **Bridge 1**, (1st Wednesday of month) TBD
- 7 **11:30am** **Awards Luncheon, Indian River Estates, 2250 Indian Creek Blvd., VB**
- 10 1:30 pm **Reading Group 5**, (2nd Tuesday of month) Meeting for Lunch. Location TBD
- 11 1:30 pm **Reading Group 2**, (meets 2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Sheila Troob
16555 Majorca Place, VB 32967, 794-5356
- 12 12 pm **Bridge 2**,(2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 13 10 am **Reading Group 6**, (2nd Friday of month) Lunch
- 16 10 am **Reading Group 3** (3rd Monday of month) Hostess,
- 17 9:30 am **Reading Group 1**,(3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire
place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0142
- 23 1:00 pm **International Relations Group**, contact Barbara Mandell, 231-5052
- 23 12 pm **Bridge 2** Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 27? 1:30 pm **Creative Writing**, Hostess, Joan Foster, 562-5977

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- 8 1:30 Reading Group 2, Hostess, Bruna Picco

Name _____

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Section 4. MEMBER INTERESTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

We form friendships and nourish our minds in our Study/Interest groups. Which of these member-only groups are you currently in or would you like to join or lead? Mark with a **C for Current**, a **J for would like to Join** or an **L for Lead**. **You may have CL or JL!**

_____ Bridge (circle): Duplicate / Party

_____ Public Policy

_____ Creative Writing

_____ Lunch Bunch

_____ Reading Group

_____ International Relations

We help our community with our volunteering. Which of our outreach programs do you currently work with or would like to join or lead? Mark with a **C for Current**, a **J for would like to Join** or an **L for Lead**.

_____ Fundraising

_____ Communications

_____ Youth Mentor/Tutor

_____ Adult Literacy Tutor

_____ Guardian Ad Litem Program: *volunteer advocates for children in need in courts and schools*

_____ STEM, Tech Trek, Environmental Learning Center, Science Fair

_____ Members Helping Members

Our quality programs attract the community. Which of our programs do you currently support or would you like to join or lead? Mark with a **C for Current**, a **J for would like to Join** or an **L for Lead**.

_____ Hospitality - refreshment at meetings / programs / Book Breakfasts

_____ Committee work for Book-Author Luncheon

_____ Join the board or chair a committee

Please write your suggestions for programs, events, fundraisers or other groups to work with.

What's going well? What should we change?

Section 5. OUR AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

We know that our oldest member is 100 and our youngest member is 20-something, but we would like to better understand our age demographics. Please check your age range:

_____ Under 65 _____ 65-74 _____ 75-84 _____ Over 85 Thank you!



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